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Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that during calendar year 1972, U.S. exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, excluding Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments were valued at $49,116.1 million, an increase of about 13 percent over the calendar year 1971 total of $43,548.6 million. General imports for the calendar year were valued at $55,555.2 million, an increase of about 22 percent over the comparable 1971 figure of $45,562.7 million.

The Bureau, part of the Department's Social and Economic Statistics Administration (SESA), noted that the merchandise trade deficit for calendar year 1972 is $6,439.1 million, as compared with the previous record-high annual deficit of $2,014.1 million reported in calendar year 1971.

The Bureau stated that during December 1972, exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, excluding Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, on a seasonally adjusted basis were valued at $4,466.2 million; seasonally adjusted general imports were valued at $5,029.4 million.[1] [2] Comparable figures for November were $4,468.7 million for exports and $5,027.9 million for imports. Based on seasonally adjusted figures, the merchandise trade deficit amounted to $563.2 million in December 1972.

During the 4-month period, September-December 1972, exports on a seasonally adjusted basis averaged $4,364.0 million per month, a level about 9 percent above the $4,006.1 million average reported for the preceding 4-month period May-August 1972. Imports averaged $4,876.9 million per month for the current 4-month period, a level about 7 percent above the $4,546.5 million average reported for the preceding 4-month period.

Seasonally adjusted export and import totals for selected Schedule A and B commodity sections and divisions for December 1972 are shown in tables 4 and 5. (Unlike the overall total, the commodity components for exports exclude foreign merchandise and include DOD Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.)

Exports unadjusted for seasonal change and excluding Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments increased from $4,582.7 million in November to $4,601.1 million in December. With Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments included, December exports were valued at $4,633.2 million as compared to $4,613.4 million in November. Unadjusted general imports amounted to $5,189.8 million in November and $4,795.0 million in December.

U.S. annual export totals, excluding Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, for the 10 year period 1963 through 1972 are as follows: 1963--$22.4 billion; 1964--$25.7 billion; 1965--$26.7 billion; 1966--$29.4 billion; 1967--$30.9 billion; 1968--$34.1 billion; 1969--$37.3 billion; 1970--$42.7 billion; 1971--$43.5 billion; and 1972--$49.1 billion. Annual general import totals for the same time span are as follows: 1963--$17.1 billion; 1964--$18.7 billion; 1965--$21.4 billion; 1966--$25.5 billion; 1967--$26.8 billion; 1968--$33.2 billion; 1969--$36.0 billion; 1970--$40.0 billion; 1971--$45.6 billion; and 1972--$55.6 billion.

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[1] *Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation, but not for price level. Factors used to adjust 1972 data represent seasonal adjustment factors derived from monthly data for 1958-1970 and introduced in 1971 combined with the 1972 working-day adjustment factors. Distortions in the 1971 monthly trade patterns caused by strikes at U.S. west, east, and gulf coast ports led to the decision to make the seasonal adjustment factors introduced in 1971 applicable to 1972 data.*

[2] *Cumulations of data over at least 3- or 4-month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends. Month-to-month changes in exports, imports, and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Recent month-to-month percent changes in the overall seasonally adjusted export and import series are presented in the following table with average percent month-to-month rise and decline over longer periods shown for comparison. The average rise and decline figures exclude percentage changes for (1) the periods December 1968-March 1969 and July-December 1971 because of abnormalities in the data due to effects of dock strikes and (2) periods when negligible changes (zero percent) in the level of exports/imports occurred:*

Series	Month-to-month				Average monthly rates of change			
	Nov.-Dec. 1972 (percent)	Oct.-Nov. 1972 (percent)	Sept.-Oct. 1972 (percent)	Aug.-Sept. 1972 (percent)	Average rise 1966-1971 (percent)	Average decline 1966-1971 (percent)	4 months Aug.-Dec. 1972 (percent)	12 months Dec. 1971-Dec. 1972 (percent)
Exports....	-0.1	+2.4	+5.0	-0.9	+4.8	-3.7	+1.8	+1.3
Imports....	0.0	+5.2	+2.3	+0.1	+3.5	-2.8	+1.9	+1.7

Inquiries concerning these figures should be addressed to the Chief, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Tel: Area Code 301, 763-5140.

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EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

Import Statistics

General imports are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. Imports for consumption are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and withdrawals from warehouses for consumption.

The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight charges from the foreign country to the United States, and insurance. Value information is required to be reported on import entries in accordance with Sections 402 and 402a of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

It is the objective of the compiling procedures to include shipments, insofar as practicable, in the statistics for the month of import, which is based on the filing date of the import entry or warehouse withdrawal document.[1] However, because of processing problems, there has always been a carryover of a small percentage of items from the actual month of importation to a subsequent month, usually the succeeding month. The carryover should have little effect on month-to-month comparisons of overall totals, since the carryover of the previous month should compensate roughly for that of the following month.

Export Statistics

Exports of domestic merchandise include commodities which are grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States, and commodities of foreign origin which have been changed in the United States from the form in which they were imported, or which have been enhanced in value by further manufacture in the United States. Exports of foreign merchandise include commodities of foreign origin which have entered the United States as imports and which, at the time of exportation, are in substantially the same condition as when imported.

The dollar value shown in the export statistics is defined generally as the f.a.s. value at the U.S. port of exportation. These values have not been adjusted for changes in price level.

In general, compiling procedures provide for the inclusion of shipments in the statistics for the month of export.[2] However, as indicated above for imports, because of processing problems there has always been a carryover of a small percentage of shipments from their actual month of shipment to a subsequent month, usually the following month. The statement above regarding the effect of the import carryover generally applies to exports also.

Revisions to the Statistics

Revisions are carried into the statistics on a periodic basis. Data for 1971 and 1972 appearing in the 1972 monthly issues of this report are presented as follows:

1972 Statistics

a. January through November 1972 issues: figures are as originally issued, except as noted below.

b. December 1972 issue: figures reflect revisions for prior months of the year issued with December 1972 statistics.

1971 Statistics

a. January through May 1972 issues: figures reflect revisions issued with December 1971 statistics or earlier.

b. June through December 1972 issues: figures reflect revisions to 1971 data issued with June 1972 statistics.

In addition to the revisions which are made on a periodic basis, instances may occur where a significant error in the statistics for a month of the current year is discovered after the statistics for that month are compiled. If the error is of sufficient importance to require correction prior to the time that the regular revisions are carried, the correction is made and so noted in this report.

Sources of Further Information

Additional information regarding foreign trade statistics coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the following publications: Report FT 990, Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade; FT 135, U.S. Imports, General and Consumption, Schedule A Commodity by Country; FT 410, U.S. Exports, Schedule B Commodity by Country; and the Guide to Foreign Trade Statistics. Information regarding additional sources of statistics, the methodology used in seasonally adjusting the data, and other matters relating to foreign trade statistics may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

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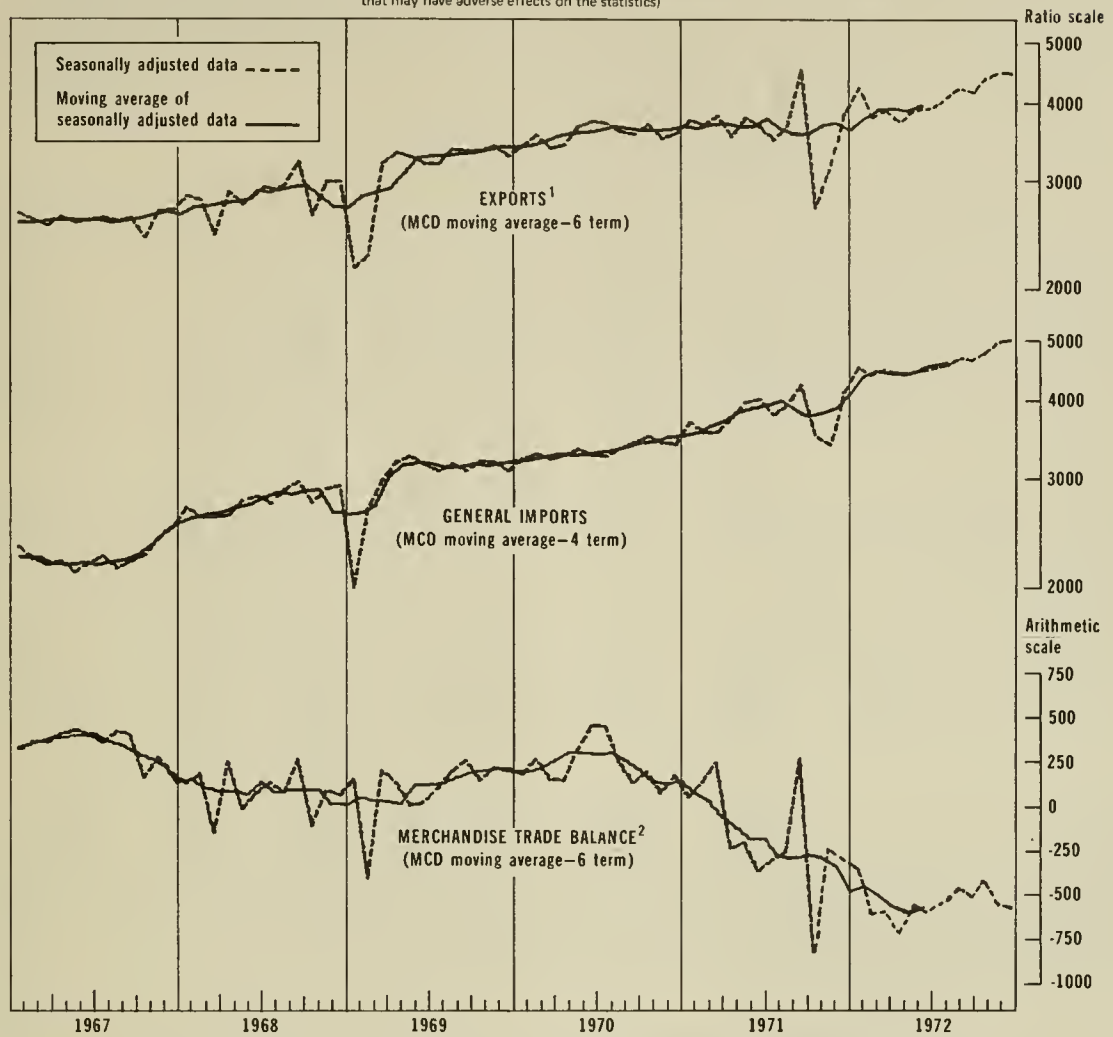
[1] For shipments by vessel, merchandise is not included in the statistics prior to the date of formal entrance of the vessel (i.e., the date of the inward customs manifest for the vessel).

[2] With minor exceptions, the date of export for shipments other than by mail is the date when the shipment leaves the United States, or, in the case of vessel or air shipments, the date when the carrier departs (or is cleared) from the port of export. For mail shipments, the date of export is considered to be the date of mailing.

U.S. Exports, General Imports, and Merchandise Trade Balance, Adjusted for Seasonal and Working-Day Variation: January 1967 to December 1972

(In millions of dollars. Data are not adjusted for unusual changes in the level of activity or coverage such as happens during strikes and other events that may have adverse effects on the statistics)



[1] Represents exports of domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.

[2] Defined as exports (see footnote 1, above) minus general imports.

Table 1. U.S. Exports and General Imports of Merchandise Showing Unadjusted Calendar Year Totals and Monthly Totals, Adjusted for Seasonal and Working-Day Variation: January 1971 to December 1972

(In millions of dollars)

Period and series	Unadjusted calendar year total[1]	Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation[2]											
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1971													
Exports[3]	43,548.6	3,733.4	3,691.0	3,814.5	3,527.9	3,776.0	3,661.7	3,492.5	3,677.7	4,505.0	2,707.9	3,160.3	3,858.0
Imports	45,562.7	3,685.3	3,546.2	3,567.6	3,747.7	3,987.9	4,011.8	3,792.8	3,928.2	4,237.4	3,522.8	3,378.7	4,128.4
Merchandise trade balance[4]	-2,014.1	+48.1	+144.8	+246.9	-219.8	-211.9	-350.1	-300.3	-250.5	+267.6	-814.9	-218.4	-270.4
1972													
Exports[3]	49,116.1	4,211.7	3,803.4	3,887.6	3,758.8	3,911.3	3,904.8	4,015.8	4,192.3	4,156.5	4,364.6	4,468.7	4,466.2
Imports	55,555.2	4,538.0	4,405.5	4,474.5	4,459.8	4,465.7	4,494.6	4,561.4	4,664.4	4,670.7	4,779.6	5,027.9	5,029.4
Merchandise trade balance[4]	-6,439.1	-326.3	-602.1	-586.9	-701.0	-554.4	-589.8	-545.6	-472.1	-514.2	-415.0	-559.2	-563.2

[1] Calendar year figures shown are unadjusted and do not represent the sum of individual monthly totals which have been adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation.

[2] Data for 1971 and 1972 reflect seasonal adjustment factors introduced in January 1971.

[3] Figures represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.

[4] Defined as exports (see footnote 3, above) minus general imports.

Table 2. U.S. Exports of Merchandise Showing Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments, by Month: January 1971 to December 1972

(In millions of dollars. Unadjusted totsls represent sum of unrounded figures and hence msy vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Exports excluding DOD Grant-Aid			Exports including DOD Grant-Aid		DOD Grant-Aid[2]		
	Domestic and foreign, seasonally adjusted[1]	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Total	Western Europe	Other countries
1971								
January-December	([3])	43,548.6	42,910.5	44,129.9	43,491.8	581.3	272.4	308.9
Monthly average	3,633.8	3,629.1	3,575.9	3,677.5	3,624.3	48.4	22.7	25.7
January	3,733.4	3,479.9	3,431.7	3,530.4	3,482.2	50.5	22.6	27.9
February	3,691.0	3,528.2	3,471.6	3,559.4	3,502.8	31.3	13.2	18.0
March	3,814.5	4,107.8	4,058.5	4,155.9	4,106.6	48.1	23.4	24.7
April	3,527.9	3,812.6	3,748.7	3,856.5	3,792.7	44.0	17.0	27.0
May	3,776.0	3,906.6	3,847.4	3,963.5	3,904.3	56.9	42.7	14.2
June	3,661.7	3,686.6	3,625.8	3,741.1	3,680.2	54.5	28.3	26.2
July	3,492.5	3,338.1	3,292.7	3,395.7	3,350.4	57.7	24.5	33.1
August	3,677.7	3,366.2	3,319.0	3,423.8	3,376.7	57.6	28.1	29.5
September	4,505.0	4,219.8	4,165.6	4,259.5	4,205.3	39.8	17.4	22.3
October	2,707.9	2,825.7	2,773.5	2,891.1	2,838.9	65.4	32.5	32.8
November	3,160.3	3,221.3	3,177.0	3,264.5	3,220.1	43.2	16.3	26.8
December	3,858.0	4,055.9	3,999.1	4,088.4	4,031.5	32.5	6.1	26.3
1972								
Janusry-December	([3])	49,116.1	48,316.5	49,675.7	48,876.2	559.6	233.9	325.6
Monthly average	4,095.1	4,093.0	4,026.4	4,139.6	4,073.0	46.6	19.5	27.1
January	4,211.7	3,806.5	3,757.6	3,864.4	3,815.5	57.9	37.9	20.0
February	3,803.4	3,777.9	3,720.9	3,816.3	3,759.3	38.4	15.0	23.4
March	3,887.6	4,306.3	4,246.6	4,345.8	4,286.1	39.5	14.0	25.5
April	3,758.8	3,885.1	3,809.9	3,935.1	3,860.0	50.0	25.2	24.9
May	3,911.3	4,140.5	4,074.6	4,193.3	4,127.3	52.7	28.0	24.7
June	3,904.8	4,014.9	3,942.0	4,050.8	3,978.0	36.0	14.1	21.9
July	4,015.8	3,657.2	3,598.7	3,723.3	3,664.8	66.1	18.7	47.4
August	4,192.3	3,937.0	3,866.7	3,982.6	3,912.3	45.6	15.9	29.7
September	4,156.5	3,964.1	3,894.0	4,007.3	3,937.2	43.2	21.4	21.8
October	4,364.6	4,442.7	4,381.4	4,510.2	4,448.9	67.5	25.0	42.4
November	4,468.7	4,582.7	4,496.5	4,613.4	4,527.1	30.6	11.3	19.3
December	4,466.2	4,601.1	4,527.6	4,633.2	4,559.6	32.1	7.4	24.7

[1]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation using seasonal adjustment factors introduced in January 1971. See footoote 1 on front page.
[2]Data differ from those released in Department of Defense reports because of a difference in statistical definitioas. For s further explsnation, see footnote 2, table E-1, Report FT 990, Highlights of U.S. Exports and Imports.
[3]Annual total is not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals.

Table 3. U.S. Imports of Merchandise, by Month: January 1971 to December 1972

(In millions of dollars. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures snd hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	1971			1972		
	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted
	Seasonally adjusted[1]	Unadjusted		Seasoonally adjusted[1]	Unadjusted	
January-December	([2])	45,562.7	45,515.8	([2])	55,555.2	55,282.3
Monthly average	3,794.6	3,796.9	3,793.0	4,631.0	4,629.6	4,606.9
Janusry	3,685.3	3,421.1	3,432.6	4,538.0	4,278.4	4,258.2
February	3,546.2	3,187.3	3,175.8	4,405.5	4,179.5	4,153.2
March	3,867.6	3,909.7	3,881.9	4,474.5	4,843.6	4,841.3
April	3,747.7	3,887.1	3,851.2	4,459.8	4,248.0	4,221.1
May	3,987.9	3,845.1	3,848.8	4,465.7	4,722.0	4,690.6
June	4,011.8	4,271.0	4,240.2	4,494.6	4,766.1	4,798.6
July	3,792.8	3,693.4	3,674.6	4,561.4	4,313.7	4,297.2
August	3,928.2	3,838.2	3,804.4	4,664.4	4,727.4	4,696.5
September	4,237.4	4,245.9	4,412.2	4,670.7	4,484.8	4,437.1
October	3,522.8	3,463.3	3,508.3	4,779.6	5,007.1	4,982.5
November	3,378.7	3,522.0	3,511.5	5,027.9	5,189.8	5,146.0
December	4,128.4	4,278.7	4,174.3	5,029.4	4,795.0	4,760.1

[1]Adjusted for seasonsl snd working-day variation using seasonal adjustment factors introduced in January 1971. See footoote 1 on front page.
[2]Annual total is not shown for sessonally adjusted data. Unadjusted dsta should be used for annual totals.

Table 4. U.S. Exports of Domestic Merchandise Including Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments--Schedule B Sections and Selected Divisions, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted, by Month: January 1971 to December 1972

(In millions of dollars. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule B sections and selected divisions[1]												
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7[2]	71	72	73	8	9
	Seasonally adjusted[3]												
1971													
Monthly average	364.5	63.1	359.1	125.5	[4]51.3	319.5	367.8	1,621.0	709.7	255.8	657.1	227.9	[4]127.6
January	389.6	87.6	388.0	146.8	[4]51.7	304.1	397.2	1,650.6	788.6	264.0	531.9	218.4	[4]137.7
February	370.5	63.4	340.4	148.1	[4]51.5	312.8	365.5	1,631.0	693.3	253.8	711.3	223.0	[4]113.8
March	378.6	79.5	401.5	142.3	[4]56.5	317.8	370.8	1,742.5	725.5	241.2	787.6	227.2	[4]117.3
April	332.7	73.6	365.9	135.1	[4]54.2	294.0	357.6	1,525.3	663.7	236.2	612.2	214.2	[4]156.6
May	374.7	69.3	350.4	142.2	[4]49.2	320.2	357.6	1,703.6	684.0	256.0	817.0	230.4	[4]146.5
June	341.4	63.2	359.7	120.7	[4]49.3	340.1	375.8	1,597.7	698.2	238.2	655.6	235.5	[4]135.3
July	329.2	71.6	326.1	103.0	[4]62.7	358.4	372.5	1,504.1	662.7	254.6	586.9	227.1	[4]134.9
August	328.6	80.2	347.7	158.1	[4]45.4	385.5	375.5	1,582.3	681.8	255.1	649.9	238.5	[4]125.3
September	469.0	98.7	433.3	139.6	[4]58.1	451.5	455.0	1,936.2	886.6	305.4	762.8	261.1	[4]118.3
October	263.5	8.0	249.6	81.6	[4]40.6	209.4	260.5	1,394.1	588.9	226.8	567.5	182.8	[4]124.7
November	349.0	8.3	328.4	60.7	[4]37.0	234.1	324.3	1,525.9	670.9	244.7	601.6	214.4	[4]107.1
December	447.2	53.9	417.6	128.0	[4]59.0	305.7	401.7	1,659.1	772.7	293.7	600.7	262.2	[4]113.8
1972													
Monthly average	471.2	81.0	417.0	130.1	[4]42.3	345.9	409.6	1,789.4	798.3	308.6	682.5	266.1	[4]130.3
January	399.4	201.5	415.4	147.1	[4]52.4	378.0	392.1	1,894.8	869.0	317.4	630.2	258.9	[4]149.6
February	374.3	145.4	369.8	127.7	[4]39.5	357.6	386.5	1,620.2	750.2	291.0	607.9	254.2	[4]117.4
March	357.5	57.1	415.7	144.1	[4]38.2	316.0	387.5	1,784.2	755.3	286.3	755.1	252.9	[4]134.4
April	366.9	45.6	399.6	131.3	[4]35.8	278.9	373.0	1,675.6	726.1	282.5	653.3	261.9	[4]144.9
May	458.1	62.2	375.8	127.5	[4]42.0	317.3	379.6	1,721.0	746.0	288.5	737.7	256.6	[4]137.9
June	473.3	55.8	360.1	108.9	[4]62.1	322.2	380.8	1,684.0	767.4	286.7	623.8	262.2	[4]131.4
July	466.3	73.3	415.1	104.0	[4]44.5	339.9	414.3	1,747.1	783.4	310.3	652.3	281.0	[4]118.9
August	488.9	69.6	395.5	144.9	[4]37.1	340.9	438.0	1,866.2	817.4	308.8	743.0	264.2	[4]116.8
September	535.5	60.3	359.2	112.9	[4]36.3	351.1	414.9	1,823.6	812.6	318.2	708.4	261.7	[4]120.5
October	523.6	69.9	479.6	131.7	[4]35.2	412.8	470.7	1,949.8	820.0	331.8	782.2	286.3	[4]131.0
November	557.5	65.7	496.5	142.7	[4]47.7	346.5	435.9	1,929.8	863.7	345.5	711.0	267.1	[4]128.7
December	653.4	65.7	521.1	137.9	[4]36.3	389.6	441.4	1,775.9	868.4	336.5	584.7	285.7	[4]131.0
	Unadjusted												
1971													
January-December	4,366.6	709.1	4,328.6	1,497.5	615.2	3,835.8	4,413.4	19,459.8	8,494.3	3,066.7	7,899.0	2,734.1	1,531.3
Monthly average	363.9	59.1	360.7	124.8	51.3	319.7	367.8	1,621.7	707.9	255.6	658.3	227.8	127.6
January	381.8	56.6	383.7	119.5	51.7	280.0	372.9	1,488.8	701.9	254.5	532.4	209.4	137.7
February	355.3	47.0	364.5	121.4	51.6	295.6	356.7	1,585.3	667.0	232.0	686.4	211.7	113.8
March	387.7	67.0	410.0	130.1	56.5	335.6	404.5	1,949.8	809.7	264.3	875.8	248.1	117.3
April	343.0	57.9	382.0	141.4	54.2	324.0	388.7	1,712.9	757.9	254.6	700.3	231.9	156.6
May	358.6	64.3	353.2	147.7	49.2	338.8	380.9	1,833.1	729.1	264.9	839.0	232.1	146.5
June	334.9	60.0	363.6	133.5	49.3	346.9	390.5	1,632.8	711.4	246.8	674.6	233.4	135.3
July	323.6	61.3	298.4	107.1	62.7	368.4	352.7	1,419.9	664.0	244.1	511.8	221.1	134.9
August	309.2	74.4	302.5	167.3	45.4	384.7	352.2	1,382.9	623.2	238.5	521.2	232.8	125.3
September	445.1	122.7	369.2	158.2	58.1	424.8	436.8	1,814.2	808.6	291.7	714.0	258.0	118.3
October	284.0	10.1	266.6	87.1	40.5	204.4	253.0	1,382.9	587.2	234.5	561.3	185.4	124.7
November	383.2	12.0	371.7	62.1	37.0	223.5	315.2	1,496.9	651.5	240.3	605.2	211.4	107.1
December	460.2	75.8	463.2	122.1	59.0	309.1	409.3	1,760.3	782.8	300.5	677.0	258.8	113.8
1972													
January-December	5,665.3	908.3	5,029.2	1,553.8	507.2	4,133.7	4,904.0	21,422.2	9,545.2	3,699.2	8,177.6	3,190.0	1,562.6
Monthly average	472.1	75.7	419.1	129.5	42.3	344.5	408.7	1,785.2	795.4	308.3	681.5	265.8	130.2
January	379.4	126.2	398.4	116.1	52.4	337.5	357.2	1,657.9	749.9	296.7	611.3	240.8	149.6
February	372.8	112.1	378.3	108.8	39.5	351.2	392.0	1,636.4	750.2	276.4	609.7	250.8	117.4
March	376.5	49.5	436.5	135.5	38.2	343.2	434.8	2,053.6	867.1	322.7	863.8	284.0	134.4
April	361.7	34.3	399.2	131.6	35.8	293.9	387.6	1,799.6	793.6	291.3	714.7	271.4	144.9
May	449.0	59.0	387.5	135.6	42.0	343.6	413.8	1,894.8	813.9	305.6	775.3	264.3	137.9
June	474.2	54.1	371.6	122.9	62.1	335.5	404.4	1,756.5	798.1	303.3	655.0	265.4	131.4
July	436.5	59.7	361.9	102.9	44.5	332.8	374.1	1,572.4	747.4	283.6	541.4	261.0	118.9
August	472.3	66.2	353.2	157.2	37.1	349.1	421.8	1,673.9	766.7	296.4	610.8	264.7	116.8
September	517.3	76.3	311.4	130.3	36.3	336.3	405.8	1,739.7	755.0	309.6	675.1	263.3	120.5
October	550.8	85.8	499.7	137.1	35.2	392.9	445.7	1,887.4	797.9	334.8	754.8	283.1	131.0
November	615.5	94.8	565.5	146.9	47.7	332.0	426.3	1,904.7	843.9	341.3	719.6	265.0	128.7
December	659.3	90.5	565.9	128.9	36.3	385.7	440.5	1,845.2	861.5	337.5	646.1	276.3	131.0

[1]Schedule B section and selected division descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats
5. Chemicals
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
   - 71. Machinery, other than electric
   - 72. Electrical machinery, apparatus, and appliances
   - 73. Transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.c.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind

[2]Seasonally adjusted figures for section 7 may differ slightly from the sum of divisions 71,72, and 73 since each is independently adjusted.

[3]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation using seasonal adjustment factors introduced in January 1971. See footnote 1 on front page. Annual totals are not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals. The adjusted section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 2 were adjusted independently.

[4]In the absence of demonstrable seasonal patterns for this section, no seasonal adjustment factors have been applied to date.

Table 5. U.S. General Imports-Schedule A Sections, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted by Month: January 1971 to December 1972

(In millions of dollars. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule A sections[1]									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Seasonally adjusted[2]									
1971										
Monthly average	461.0	76.1	280.9	310.8	[3]14.3	135.0	795.1	1,156.5	449.1	[3]123.0
January	520.6	63.6	253.0	252.4	[3]11.9	135.6	808.0	1,104.1	447.0	[3]117.6
February	411.6	60.2	241.9	253.3	[3]15.3	134.5	745.7	1,111.7	445.7	[3]109.4
March	408.2	62.9	295.9	270.9	[3]16.1	123.9	737.9	1,101.6	433.8	[3]122.1
April	485.6	65.8	283.0	273.4	[3]17.6	132.1	760.8	1,122.7	460.9	[3]125.1
May	476.8	82.4	293.1	329.6	[3]15.8	148.5	830.4	1,159.5	462.5	[3]127.3
June	482.7	99.7	317.9	309.8	[3]13.9	145.7	884.1	1,196.6	476.1	[3]124.1
July	492.6	101.5	322.7	322.5	[3]12.0	154.9	799.5	1,081.1	414.6	[3]132.6
August	537.0	117.4	278.5	323.6	[3]11.0	146.4	827.9	1,232.1	419.3	[3]120.5
September	611.5	113.5	306.3	350.7	[3]17.6	179.5	865.3	1,273.6	441.4	[3]112.6
October	299.2	53.7	252.5	333.5	[3]13.5	118.0	723.9	1,166.5	431.1	[3]127.1
November	298.8	41.2	245.5	360.9	[3]12.1	88.6	676.4	1,141.0	417.1	[3]116.9
December	505.7	51.8	279.9	348.6	[3]14.8	112.7	880.9	1,186.9	540.0	[3]140.3
1972										
Monthly average	532.5	83.8	322.0	401.6	[3]15.0	168.2	953.1	1,450.2	575.6	[3]133.2
January	609.1	83.0	311.2	369.9	[3]14.8	171.5	964.0	1,330.1	587.0	[3]127.2
February	547.7	86.1	308.5	352.2	[3]21.1	153.2	890.7	1,363.7	547.8	[3]116.0
March	426.8	74.6	305.5	370.8	[3]15.4	166.2	874.1	1,502.0	606.2	[3]133.0
April	481.1	69.4	324.1	392.1	[3]12.3	179.4	808.9	1,463.3	570.8	[3]127.3
May	503.6	88.6	311.0	379.9	[3]14.3	152.3	884.1	1,411.4	532.1	[3]132.2
June	508.7	95.8	296.8	385.1	[3]15.5	180.1	953.8	1,409.0	563.4	[3]131.9
July	509.8	80.0	336.3	413.6	[3]16.3	164.4	988.9	1,401.3	561.1	[3]126.5
August	563.8	72.5	281.7	381.9	[3]11.1	160.1	977.5	1,584.5	595.3	[3]135.6
September	581.3	82.1	347.4	448.7	[3]11.5	179.5	948.4	1,385.7	573.7	[3]132.7
October	566.4	88.0	333.0	416.5	[3]15.5	160.6	1,051.5	1,450.9	556.9	[3]147.1
November	544.6	96.7	373.4	458.1	[3]10.1	176.2	1,023.3	1,621.6	599.8	[3]143.9
December	546.6	88.3	335.3	449.6	[3]21.7	175.3	1,072.3	1,478.6	613.3	[3]144.6
	Unadjusted									
1971										
January-December	5,528.8	875.5	3,382.0	3,714.8	171.6	1,612.3	9,545.8	13,873.2	5,372.9	1,475.6
Monthly average	460.7	73.0	281.8	309.6	14.3	144.0	867.6	1,264.6	492.7	134.7
January	459.7	63.1	231.0	267.6	11.9	124.0	719.9	1,036.8	389.4	117.6
February	385.6	56.1	205.4	255.8	15.3	125.4	635.3	1,029.4	369.5	109.4
March	458.7	69.0	307.1	315.6	16.1	144.9	794.7	1,239.3	442.1	122.1
April	522.0	70.4	277.3	269.3	17.6	150.4	823.9	1,194.6	436.4	125.1
May	445.8	74.6	293.7	297.0	15.8	150.5	851.1	1,173.4	415.8	127.3
June	500.6	92.7	348.4	303.0	13.9	142.3	947.7	1,305.5	492.8	124.1
July	481.8	83.1	313.0	303.8	12.0	139.9	782.7	991.4	453.2	132.6
August	529.0	86.9	301.8	327.2	11.0	148.2	811.3	1,027.6	474.7	120.5
September	609.7	104.4	308.1	333.1	17.6	165.9	896.4	1,213.8	484.2	112.6
October	290.2	61.4	247.2	309.8	13.5	114.5	701.5	1,149.0	449.2	127.1
November	302.8	50.5	254.3	331.7	12.1	90.1	716.3	1,210.6	436.7	116.9
December	542.6	63.3	294.7	400.9	14.8	116.2	865.0	1,302.0	538.9	140.3
1972										
January-December	6,362.0	1,009.5	3,859.9	4,798.8	179.6	2,015.0	11,421.6	17,400.1	6,910.7	1,598.0
Monthly average	530.2	84.1	321.7	399.9	15.0	167.9	951.8	1,450.0	575.9	133.2
January	546.4	83.5	288.5	398.4	14.8	159.3	872.4	1,268.9	518.9	127.2
February	541.2	84.8	276.4	375.4	21.1	150.8	800.7	1,333.7	479.4	116.0
March	472.9	80.9	313.4	426.8	15.4	192.0	930.0	1,668.7	610.4	133.0
April	475.3	68.3	291.7	354.9	12.3	187.7	804.9	1,429.7	496.1	127.3
May	516.2	88.0	341.8	375.3	14.3	169.2	993.7	1,566.6	524.7	132.2
June	525.5	88.6	324.1	375.1	15.5	175.2	1,017.7	1,531.6	580.9	131.9
July	484.3	63.6	316.8	378.4	16.3	144.2	940.5	1,247.2	595.9	126.5
August	576.2	55.7	316.9	400.2	11.1	168.0	994.1	1,370.6	698.9	135.6
September	555.1	72.4	334.9	409.3	11.5	159.0	941.7	1,265.2	603.0	132.7
October	585.1	107.1	347.3	412.4	15.5	165.9	1,085.1	1,523.4	618.2	147.1
November	544.6	117.3	383.1	416.9	10.1	177.4	1,072.5	1,702.7	621.4	143.9
December	539.2	99.3	324.9	475.7	21.7	166.4	968.3	1,491.9	563.0	144.6

[1]Schedule A section descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats
5. Chemicals
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind

[2]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation using seasonal adjustment factors introduced in January 1971. See footnote 1 on front page. Annual totals are not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals. The adjusted section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 3 were adjusted independently.

[3]In the absence of demonstrable seasonal patterns for this section, no seasonal adjustment factors have been applied to date.

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